

The Colchester Water Department would request that the customers of the water system utilize their best judgment in voluntarily conserving water use during the upcoming weeks due to the persistent dry weather. According the U.S. Drought Monitor, conditions across the Connecticut range from abnormally dry to moderate drought. The Northeast Drought conditions can be shown at the following website:

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/RegionalDroughtMonitor.aspx?northeast>

The Water Department has the capacity to, within our sources, to meet our customer's needs, but given the extended dry weather conditions and there being no indications that the weather pattern will change in the near future, the water Department would like to request that our customer voluntarily conserve water. As shown in the rainfall mapping, the dry conditions are occurring throughout New England and similar requests are being sent out by other water systems.

The Colchester Water Department is asking the our customers assist us in eliminating unnecessary water use by taking steps to avoid wasting water, and promptly repairing any leaks within their homes. Residential customers are asked to avoid watering their lawns and businesses are asked to avoid irrigating their grounds. Fire Departments are being asked to avoid utilizing water in their training exercises. Other conservation measures include: Setting your washing machine to match the amount of clothes that are actually being washed; Only running your dishwasher with full loads; if your washing a car use a bucket instead running a hose; Taking a shower instead of a bath; and even simple things such as turning off the water while brushing your teeth.